

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An apparatus for storing and transporting supplies and snacks, comprising:

- a snack item;
- a drink item;
- a top portion having first and second opposite sides;
- a bottom portion having first and second opposite sides;
- a middle portion having first and second opposite sides, the middle portion operatively connected to the top portion and the bottom portion;
- wherein in a closed position the top portion, bottom portion and middle portion are configured to form an enclosure;
- wherein in an open position at least one side of the middle portion is accessible, and at least one side of either the top or bottom portion is accessible;
- at least one side of the middle portion comprising structures adapted for holding school supplies;
- at least one side of the top portion comprising a write-on wipe-off surface;
- wherein one side of the bottom portion includes at least one drink restraint adapted for holding a the drink item and at least one snack restraint adapted for holding a the snack item; and
- a clip operatively connected to one side of the top portion for holding paper.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the middle portion is a flap and the top portion is a lid, in a closed position.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the drink item is a drink box and the drink restraint is adapted for holding a the drink box.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising first and second back pack straps operatively connected to the bottom portion.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies include at least one pencil holder.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies further include a scissor holder.

Claim 7 (Original): The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies further include a computer disk holder.

Claim 8 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies further include a crayon pouch.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): A method comprising:
providing an apparatus for storing and transporting supplies and snacks, comprising:

- (a) a top portion having first and second opposite sides;
- (b) a bottom portion having first and second opposite sides;
- (c) a middle portion having first and second opposite sides, the middle portion operatively connected to the top portion and the bottom portion;
- (d) wherein in a closed position the top portion, bottom portion and middle portion are configured to form an enclosure;
- (e) wherein in an open position at least one side of the middle portion is accessible and at least one side of either the top or bottom portion is accessible;

- (f) at least one side of the middle portion comprising structures adapted for holding school supplies;
- (g) at least one side of the top portion comprising a write-on wipe-off surface;
- (h) wherein one side of the bottom portion includes at least one drink restraint for holding a drink item and at least one snack restraint for holding a snack item; and
- (i) a clip operatively connected to one side of the top portion for holding paper; providing a snack item having a product configuration adapted for placement in the apparatus, and for securement by the at least one snack restraint, said snack item packaged in a disposable package;

placing the drink item in the apparatus and securing the drink item with the at least one drink restraint; and

placing the snack item in the apparatus and securing the snack item with the at least one snack restraint.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): ~~The method of claim 9 further comprising providing a drink item having a product configuration adapted for placement in the apparatus and for securement by the at least one drink restraint, wherein said drink item is packaged in a disposable package.~~

Claim 11 (New): A system for use by a student to store and transport school supplies and snacks, the system comprising:

a snack item;

a drink item;

a school supply item;

a store and transport apparatus comprising:

- (a) a top portion having first and second opposite sides;
- (b) a bottom portion having first and second opposite sides;
- (c) a middle portion having first and second opposite sides, the middle portion operatively connected to the top portion and the bottom portion;
- (d) wherein in a closed position the top portion, bottom portion and middle portion are configured to form an enclosure;

- (e) wherein in an open position at least one side of the middle portion is accessible, and at least one side of either the top or bottom portion is accessible;
- (f) at least one side of the middle portion comprising a restraint for holding the school supply item;
- (g) wherein one side of the bottom portion includes at least one drink restraint adapted for holding the drink item and at least one snack restraint adapted for holding the snack item;
- (h) first and second back pack straps operatively connected to the bottom portion.

Claim 12 (New): The system of claim 11 wherein at least one side of the top portion comprises a write-in wipe-off surface.

Claim 13 (New): The system of claim 12 wherein the store and transport apparatus further comprises a clip operatively connected to one side of the top portion for holding paper.